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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, PFOR, TD, US
SUBJECT: NEGOTIATION OF EXTENDED RIGHTS FOR OMEGA
TRINIDAD

REF: (1) TUMMINIA TELCON WITH AMB FAY
(2) 76 PORT OF SPAIN 2864 (021225Z NOV 76)

1. REFERENCED TELEPHONE CONVERSATION REQUESTED EMBASSY'S
ASSESSMENT OF QUID PRO QUO WHICH GOVT OF TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO WOULD SEEK IN EXCHANGE FOR EXTENSION OF OMEGA
TRINIDAD OPERATIONS BEYOND END OF 1977. EMBASSY'S
JUDGMENT REMAINS AS DESCRIBED IN REF B.

2. ON THE BASIS OF THAT DIALOGUE WHICH HAS OCCURRED IN
RECENT YEARS CONCERNING OMEGA BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS,
AND OUR ANALYSIS OF SITUATION HERE, QUID PRO QUO
LIKELY TO CONTAIN BOTH FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL
COMPONENTS. FINANCIAL COMPONENT COULD BE IN FORM OF
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AGREEMENT SEEMS MOST LIKELY. POLITICAL FACTORS ARE
LIKELY TO INCLUDE COMMITMENTS TO SOME FORM OF AT LEAST
NOMINAL JOINT MANAGEMENT OF THE STATION AND TRAINING
OF TRINIDADIAN PERSONNEL. FURTHERMORE, WE WOULD
ANTICIPATE REQUIREMENT THAT OMEGA AGREEMENT BE TREATED
AS NEW AGREEMENT AND COMPLETELY DIVORCED FROM MILITARY
LEASED AREAS AGREEMENT EXPIRING IN 1977. LATTER HAS

NEGATIVE POLITICAL CONNOTATION HERE IN EYES OF PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND EVEN MORE SO IN OPINION OF PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION.

3. BELIEVE ONLY MANNER WE CAN ACTUALLY DETERMINE PARAMETERS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GOVERNMENT POSITION ON THIS QUESTION IS MEANINGFULLY TO ENTER INTO PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION.

4. EMBASSY WISHES TO REITERATE THAT NECESSARY TIME TO PURSUE THIS NEGOTIATION HAS ALREADY BEEN SHORTENED DANGEROUSLY. WE ARE NOW SIX MONTHS BEYOND DATE BY WHICH WE HAD SOUGHT MORE THAN A YEAR AGO TO HAVE FIRM INSTRUCTION. A LAST-MINUTE EFFORT NOT ONLY COULD JEOPARDIZE REACHING SATISFACTORY ACCOMMODATION IF DIVERGENT POSITIONS EMERGE, BUT MAY LEAVE INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR ORDERLY PHASE-OUT OF OMEGA IF ACCOMMODATION CANNOT BE REACHED.
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